

## **ACES continues Food Service Contract Management Training**

As contracting for Food Services expands throughout the Army, the need for trained personnel to perform as Contracting Officer's Representatives (COR) and as Performance Assessment Evaluators (PAE) becomes evermore evident. A General Accounting Office (GAO) report of 2004 stated "The lack of contract training for operational commanders, customers, and others with responsibilities to use, manage, and oversee logistics support contracts has adversely impacted the use of such contracts to support deployed forces in contingency operations. Commanders and other senior leaders must understand that they have a key role in identifying requirements, assuring that the contractor works in a cost effective manner, and evaluating contractor performance. Without such an understanding the government's ability to control contract costs and ensure quality service at the best possible price is severely limited."

The ACES Food Service Contract Management training is designed to prepare Food Service personnel to perform in this area. The class has been revised and is now an intense five day session. This training details the duties, responsibilities, and limitations of CORs, PAEs, Monitors, and other Government Representatives when dealing with food service contractors. Special emphasis is placed on Contingency Operations and specific requirements relating to the current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The development of clear and concise requirements, legal parameters, sources and types of authority, property accountability, and performance assessment of contractors' efforts are keys to the program. Food safety and sanitation are stressed as inspection tools for increased force protection. Use of DA approved prototypes for food service contracts is emphasized with modifications based on activities in the AOR.

To meet this need within Army Food Service, ACES has increased the availability of the Food Service Contract Management training class. CSPD has two teams capable of providing the training and the training is offered as a Mobile Training Team (MTT) during pre-deployment training to units preparing for rotation to the AOR. The training is also provided to all Warrant Officer Advanced and Basic Classes and to all Food Service Management students at Ft. Lee. During FY 06 this training was provided fifteen times to over 425 students. This totals over 800 students trained in the last two years.

To request a pre-deployment MTT presentation of this training contact CSPD at (804) 734-4832/4842 (DSN 687) FAX (804) 734-4860 (DSN: 687-4860), Email: [leeeACESWeb@conus.army.mil](mailto:leeeACESWeb@conus.army.mil)